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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No: 0646/1D205-US1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ramesh A. BHAT; Ruth HENDERSON; Chulai HSIAO;
Sotirios K. KARATHNASIS

Serial No.: 09/429,832

Art Unit: 1646

Confirmation No.:

Filed: October 29, 1999

Examiner: N. Basi

For: NOVEL HUMAN ESTROGEN RECEPTOR-BETA

RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION FROM EXAMINER

Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

January 7, 2002

Sir:

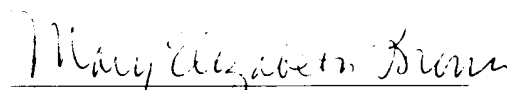
This is responsive to the communication from the examiner mailed on December 17, 2001 in connection with the above-identified application.

In the communication, the Examiner contends that the reply filed on August 22, 2001 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because the marked-

up version of the amendment does not show all the changes (as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121).

Applicants submit herewith a substitute marked-up version of the amendment filed on August 22, 2001 showing all the changes made by amendment. Applicants respectfully request that the attached marked-up version be substituted for the marked-up version filed on August 22, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,



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